

# Exhibit A

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Applicant : Gary K. SCHWARTZ  
U.S. Serial No.: Not Yet Known, claiming priority of U.S.  
Serial No. 60/421,411, Filed October 25,  
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For : SCREENING, QUANTITATION AND IDENTIFICATION  
OF ACTIVE INGREDIENTS IN NATURAL PRODUCTS

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October 24, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4-5, 9-17, 22-26, 30, and 39 without  
prejudice for Applicant's rights to pursue the subject matters  
in a future application.

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled claims 4-5, 9-17,  
22-26, 30, and 39 without prejudice for Applicant's rights to  
pursue these matters in a future application. Upon entry,  
claims 1-3, 6-8, 18-21, 27-29, 31-38, and 40 are pending under  
examination.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

Respectfully submitted,

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